Ordinance #2020-25

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 17A, ARTICLE XI OF THE PRINCETON CODE, ENTITLED "LAND USE" AND THE PRINCETON ZONING MAP, TO CREATE AN "AHO-6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERLAY-6 ZONE" AND THE REGULATIONS ASSOCIATED THERETO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PRINCETON

Section 1. Chapter 17A, Article XI. ZONING, Section 17A-202 of the Princeton Code entitled "Districts Generally Established; Enumerated" is hereby supplemented and amended to add the following new zone districts to the list of zone districts:

Section 17A-202(i) Affordable Housing Districts

AHO-6 Affordable Housing Overlay -6

Section 2. Chapter 17A, Article XI, Section 17A-203 District Map is hereby supplemented and amended to delineate the Affordable Housing Overlay -6 (AHO-6) district on the "Zoning Map, Borough of Princeton", as amended. The following properties shall be included in the AHO-6 zone:

Block 21.04 Lots 2, 26 & 27

Section 3. Chapter 17A, Article XI, is hereby supplemented and amended to create a new subdivision within "Division 10 Affordable Housing Zones", entitled "Affordable Housing Overlay-6 (AHO-6) Zone"

Section 4. Chapter 17A, Article XI, Section 17A-_____Purpose. The Affordable Housing Overlay -6 Zone is created to provide a realistic opportunity for the construction of affordable housing pursuant to the New Jersey Fair Housing Act and thereby comply with the Municipality's constitutional obligation to provide such housing to for low-and moderate-income households. Specifically, the AHO-6 zone is established to provide an alternative framework for redevelopment of the underlying R-4A (lot 2) and AH-6 (Lots 26 & 27) districts with market-rate mixed-income and affordable dwellings. This framework would permit no more than 160 total mixed-income dwellings, with no fewer than 80 affordable dwelling units.

Section 5. Chapter 17A, Article XI, Section 17A-____ Mandatory Affordable Housing. Within the Affordable Housing Overlay-6 zone, no less than 80 dwelling units shall be deed - restricted for occupancy by low- and moderate-income households and shall comply with the following:

- (a) Affordable dwelling units shall be constructed and rented in accordance with the Council on Affordable Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 et seq. and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.
- (b) Affordable dwelling unit household income breakdown shall comply with the following:
 - (1) At least 13% of the affordable units shall be affordable to very low- income (VLI) households at 30% of the median income;
 - (2) At least 50% of the affordable units shall be made affordable to low income units (the 50% requirement is inclusive of the 13% VLI requirement); and
 - (3) The balance of units permitted at moderate income up shall not exceed maximum of 50% of all affordable units.
- (c) Affordable dwelling bedroom distribution: Bedroom distribution shall be in accordance with the Council on Affordable Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 et seq. the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and all other applicable law.
- (d) The range of affordability, pricing and rent of units, affirmative marketing, affordability controls shall be in accordance with the Council on Affordable Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:93-1 et seq. the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., the Fair Housing Act (FHA) and all other applicable law.
- (e) The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be responsible to affirmatively market, administer and certify the occupant of each affordable unit, with all administrative costs to be paid by the Developer/Owner.

	tion 6. Chapter 17A, Article XI, Section 17AAffordable Housing Overlay – 6 (AHO-6) gulations.
Per	etion 7. Chapter 17A, Article XI, Section 17A Affordable Housing Overlay-6 (AHO-6) emitted principal uses. Within the AHO-6 zoning district, the following principal uses shall be emitted:
(a)	Multi-family residences, non-age-restricted, for rent.
(b)	Commercial uses, limited to the following:
	(1) Offices
	(2) Retail stores, excluding automotive sales or service establishments
	(3) Bakeries

(4) Eating and drinking places

	(5)	Barbershops, beauty parlors, tailors, dressmakers and millinery shops, photographic studios, shoe repair, shoeshine and hat cleaning shops, and similar personal service stores dealing directly with retail consumers.
	(6)	Studios for dancing and music instruction
	(7)	Private vocational and trade schools.
	(8)	Laundromats, outlets and pick-up stations for laundries and cleaning establishments
	(9)	Medical and dental offices.
		8. Chapter 17A, Article XI, Section 17A Affordable Housing Overlay -6 (AHO-6) Permitted ory uses. Within the AHO-6 zoning district, the following accessory uses shall be permitted:
(a)	Res	sidential management office
(b)	Cor	mmon rooms/areas, including for meetings, recreation, laundry and storage
(c)	Cor	mmunications infrastructure,
(d)	Ma	aintenance and storage
(e)	Off	-street parking and loading
(f)	Str	eet/ site furnishings
(g)	Hoi	me occupations
(h)	Fer	nces and walls
(i)	Lan	dscape amenities and open space
(j)	Pe	destrian circulation elements
(k)	Sigi	ns
(I)	Sto	rm water management facilities and other utilities
(m)	Oth	ner customary uses which are clearly incidental and subordinate to a permitted principal use
		9. Chapter 17A, Article XI, Section 17A Affordable Housing Overlay-6 (AHO-6) Site pment Regulations:
(a)	Ma	ximum number of total dwelling units: 160
(b)	Mir	nimum number of affordable dwelling units: 80
(c)	Mir	nimum yard requirements:

(1) Front yard: 10 feet

(2) Side yard: 15 feet

(3) Rear yard: 10 feet

(d) Maximum front yard setback: 15 feet

(e) Maximum impervious coverage: 80%

(f) Maximum Building height: 5 stories and 55 feet

- (g) Off-street parking
 - (1) One for each dwelling unit
 - (2) No off-street parking spaces are required for retail uses
- (h) Minimum landscape buffers to residential zones: 10 feet
- (i) Commercial use(s) shall comply with the following:
 - (1) Shall be located on the ground floor
 - (2) Shall have a storefront(s) facing Witherspoon Street; however, if more than one commercial use is proposed, this requirement shall be deemed to be satisfied as long as at least one of the uses has a storefront on Witherspoon Street
 - (3) Shall be limited to no more than 10,000 total square feet of gross floor area
 - (4) All retail space shall be contiguous within a single building
- (j) Comprehensive development required. The AHO-6 zone shall be developed in accordance with a single plan that is coordinated among all properties to create a unified residential development. Lots may be merged, but subdivision for the purposes of segregating the zone into smaller development tracts is not permitted.

Section 10. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the general ordinances are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

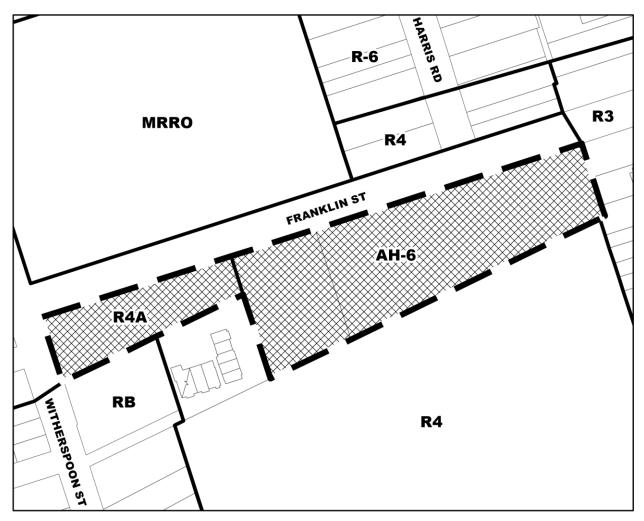
Section 12. The Municipal Clerk is directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to a hearing on the adoption of this ordinance to the Mercer County Planning Board and to all other persons entitled thereto pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15, and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-63 (if required).

Section 13. After introduction, the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of the within Ordinance to the planning board for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. The planning board is directed to make and transmit to the governing body, within 35 days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed ordinance which are inconsistent with the master plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the board deems appropriate.

Section 14. This Ordinance shall be presented to the Mayor for her approval and signature, which approval shall be granted or denied within ten (10) days of receipt of same, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-149.7. If the Mayor fails to return this Ordinance with either her approval or objection to same within ten (10) days after it has been presented to her, then this Ordinance shall be deemed approved.

Section 15. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon (1) adoption; (2) approval by the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-149.7; (3) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey; and (4) filing of the final form of adopted ordinance by the Clerk with (a) the Mercer County Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16, and (b) the Municipal Tax Assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1.

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Legend

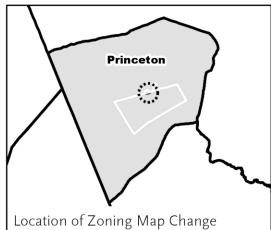


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Existing Zoning Boundaries

Zoning Map Amendment



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